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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.117 - EXPEDITED**

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION

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July 13, 2007

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final rejection of July 3, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the finality of the rejection and amendment of the captioned application as noted herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.